



LETTERS of PUBLICATION,

IN FAVOURS OF
THOMAS WEIR Chyrurgeon in EDINBURGH.

WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith; To Our Lovies, Macers of Our Privy Council, or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally constitute, and to all and sundry Our Lieges and Subjects whom it effects, Greeting: Forasmuch as, Anent the Petition given in to the Lords of Our Privy Council by *Thomas Weir* Chirurgeon in *Edinburgh*. Representing, that where the secret of Preparing and Compounding the Medicinal Pil, Called Doctor *Andersons* Pil, being Communicat by the said Doctor to *Katharine Anderson* his Daughter, and by her to the said *Thomas Weir*, and to no other person, as appeared by her Assignment and Declaration, dated the fiftenth Day of *December* One Thousand six hundred and eighty six, the said *Thomas Weir* thereupon procured in anno One Thousand six hundred and eighty seven, a Gift under Our Great Seal, giving to him the sole Power, Right and Priviledge to Prepare, Compose, Dispense and Vend the said Pil, and to use the Printed Papers, Stamp and Seal formerly used by the said Doctor *Anderson* and his Daughter: And Discharging all others from Composing, Dispensing, and Vending the said Pil, or using the said printed Papers, Stamp and Seal, under the penalty of a Thousand Merks *scots* money, as the said Gift, with an Act of the Lords of Our Privy Council, and Letters of Publication raised thereupon, in favours of the Petitioner therewith produced testified. Nevertheless *Thomas Steil* Merchant in *Edinburgh*, having upon misrepresentation Impetrat an Act of Privy Council, dated the twenty sixth of *July*, One Thousand six hundred and eighty eight, contravening the foresaid Gift, Act, and Letters above mentioned, in favours of the said *Thomas Weir*, and presumed to Counterfit the said Pil, printed Paper, Stamp and Seal: Asalso, to print and disperse several false and calumnious Papers and Placads in *London* and elle where, in prejudice not only of the said *Thomas Weir* who had the true Secret and legal Right in manner above-mentioned: But also Our Leiges abused by the said Counterfits, whereupon the Petitioner having lately raised and execute Letters of Complaint against the said *Thomas Steil*, for his so Contravening, Forging and flandering, he being conscious of his own Guilt, did not compare, but suffered Certification to pass against him; upon which he stands Denounced and Registrat at Our Horn; and yet notwithstanding he and others, for and with him, do still upon pretence of the foresaid Act of Privy Council by him, impetrat, as said is, persist in Counterfitting the Petitioners Gift, in Counterfitting and Vending the said Pil, to the prejudice of Their Majesties Leiges, so that necessary it is, that besides the foresaid Certification, the Petitioner should have an Act of Our saids Lords in his favour, Re calling, Rescinding, and Discharging the Act of Privy Council, impetrat by the said *Thomas Steil*, as said is since that he refused to (nor could in Law) abide by and maintain the same: As also, to certiorat all Our Leiges of the Premises. And therefore Supplicating to the effect aftermentioned, as the said Petition in it self more fully proports. The saids Lords of Our Privy Council having Considered the foresaid Petition, with the Gift under the Great Seal and other Writs produced therewith, and mentioned therein; They by their Act and Sentence of the day and date hereof, Have Recalled and Rescinded, and hereby Rescals and Rescinds the above Act of Privy Council, formerly made in favours of the said *Thomas Steil*, and have Declared, and hereby Declares, That neither he nor any others are to use the printed Papers, Stamp and Seal above-Specified, in prejudice of the above *Thomas Weir* Petitioner, under the Penalty contained in his foresaid Gift; And have Declared, and hereby Declares that the said *Thomas Weir* has the Good and only Right to use the same, and to take notice of all Counterfits, and to cause convene them before the Privy Council, or any inferiour Judicatory competent, all the users and practisers thereof, that they may be punished. And have ordained, and hereby Ordains, the said Act, with the Petitioners Gift under the Great Seal, to be Printed and Published: Of the which Gift the Tenor follows, *Sic supra* scribitur **JAMES R.** OUR SOVERAIGN LORD Considering that the Medicinal Pil, invented by the Deceast Doctor *Patrick Anderson*, Physician to his Majesties dearest Father King *Charles* the First of ever blessed Memory, hath by experience been found to be a most useful and safe Medicine, which hath recommended that Pil, not only to His Majesties Subjects in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, but likewise it hath been used in the Kingdoms of *England*, *Ireland*, and other places in *Europe*; and that it is very much the interest of his Subjects and others, that the Skill and Art of Preparing and Compounding that Pil be preserved intire, and the Counterfit, sofisticat and adulterat Pils, be not imposed upon any person, under the notion of this Pil, which is so universally known and used; And his Majesty Considering, That the Secret and Skill of preparing this Pil, was only Communicated by Doctor *Anderson* to his two Daughters, with power only to the survivor of them to Communicate and Transmit that Secret to some fit and qualified Person, and that the Deceast *Katharine Anderson*, the said Doctors surviving Daughter hath Communicat to *Thomas Weir* Chyrurgeon in *Edinburgh*, the whole secret and skill in Preparing and Compounding the foresaid Pil, and hath sufficiently instructed and seen him prepare and Compound and make up that Pil, as well as ever it was done by Doctor *Anderson* or his Daughters afore said; And that the said deceast *Katharine Anderson* hath by her Assignment, Dated the fiftenth Day of *December* One Thousand six hundred and eighty six years, Assigned and Disposed to the said *Thomas Weir* her Stamp, for the Directions, and seal for the Boxes, with all other Vessels, Materials, and other Instruments for Compounding, Preparing and Making up the said Pils; and that the said Deceast *Katharine Anderson* both thereby Declare that she hath Communicated and Transmitted the Secret of Preparing and Compounding the said Pil to the said *Thomas Weir*, and no other person: And considering that there is none else to whom the Secret is Communicated, or Art of Preparing and Compounding the said Pil is committed: And that notwithstanding thereof there are several persons who have already, and are of intention to senzie and counterfit the said Pil, and to disperse the same with printed Papers and otherways, under the name of the said Pil, commonly called Doctor *Andersons* Pils; albeit the Secret of Preparing and Compounding thereof was never Communicat to them, nor to any other person now on life, except the said *Thomas Weir*, which (if not prevented) might prove very dangerous and prejudicial to His Majesties Leiges and others, through use of any Counterfit, sofisticat and adulterat Pils, and would much Discourage the said *Thomas Weir*, who hath only the Secret of Preparing and Compounding thereof, to him Communicated by the said *Katharine Anderson*, who Assigned and Disposed to him the said Stamp and Seal, with all other Vessels and Instruments for Compounding and Dispensing of the said Pil in manner foresaid: Therefore His Majesty Ordains a Letter of Gift to be past and exped under His Majesties Great Seal of His Ancient Kingdom of *Scotland*, Giving, Granting and Disposing, as His Majesty for Himself and His Royal Successors, Givers, Grants and Disposes to, and in favours of the said *Thomas Weir* the sole Power, Right and Priviledge to Prepare, Compose, Dispense and Vend the foresaid Pil, called Doctor *Andersons* Pil, with power to him to use the said Stamp and Seal, to be used by the said *Katharine Anderson*, for attesting and marking the printed Papers, and Boxes belonging to the said Pils, for all the Days and Years of the said *Thomas Weir* his Lifetime: And His Majesty Doth hereby Discharge all other person or persons whatsoever, during the said space, directly or indirectly, to prepare, Compound, Make up, Dispose or Vend any Pil or Pils, under the name of the said Pil, invented by the said Deceast Doctor *Anderson*, or Papers relating thereto, without the special License of the said *Thomas Weir*, under the penalty of One Thousand Merks *scots* Money for each Contravention. And His Majesty doth hereby Recommend to His Privy Council, and other Judicatories of the said Kingdom of *Scotland*, to see his Pleasure concerning the Premises rendered effectual, and the Contraveners Fined or Punished to the terror of others: providing alwayes that the said *Thomas Weir* shall be bound and obliged, not only to continue the faithful and true Preparing, Composing, Making up, and Dispensing of the said Pils, as was formerly done by the said Deceast Doctor *Anderson* and his Daughters; But likewise to Communicate the Secret thereof, and assist any qualified person he shall think fit to prepare, Compose and make up the said Pil (that the Invention be not lost) who shall have no benefite, priviledge, or liberty to Compose or Vend the foresaid Pil, during the full time and space above-written: And His Majesty Ordains the said Gift to be further extended with all Clauses needful, and to be the Great Seal *per saltum*, without passing any other Seals or Registers in order thereunto, these presents shall be to the Director of His Majesties Chancery for writing out the same, and to the Lord High Chancellor for causing the Great Seal to be Appended thereto, a sufficient Warrant. Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the nineteenth Day of *May*, One Thousand six hundred and eighty seven, and of His Majesties Reign the third year. By His Majesties Command, *Sic Subscribitur*, **MELFORT**. As the said Act Ordaining that Our Letters of Publication to be Direct thereupon, under the Signet of Council in manner, and to the Effect above and under-written more fully proports. OUR WILL IS HEREBY, and We Charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and whole Mercat-Crosses of the Head Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom, and other places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of the said Act of Privy Council, and of the said Gift past under Our Great Seal, in favours of the said *Thomas Weir*, that all Our Leiges may have notice thereof, and give obedience thereto, under the pains and Certifications therein-mentioned, and being further answerable as Our Privy Council shall think fit, in case they contravene: According to Justice, as ye will answer to us thereupon. The which to do, We commit to you conjunctly and severally, Our full Power, by these Our Letters, Delivering them by your duty execute and indorled again to the bearer. Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh*, the nineteenth Day of *July*, One thousand six hundred and eighty seven. And of Our Reign the fiftenth year.

GOD Save King William and Queen Mary.

Sic Subscribitur, **MELFORT**, Ch. Sec. Council.

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